



# Pinckney on the Prowl

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## Port Calls Thus Far:

- Pensacola, Florida
- Charleston, South Carolina
- Norfolk, Virginia
- Port Everglades, Florida
- St. Thomas, Virgin Islands
- Cartagena, Columbia
- Rodman, Panama
- Puerto Vallarta, Mexico
- San Diego, California
- Port Hueneme, California

## From the Commanding Officer

Greetings from Southwest Marine Shipyard. I am writing to you from our temporary home, APL-2, which is more affectionately known as the Barge. I can look out my window and see the Pinckney, high and dry about 12 feet off the bottom of the dry-dock. As promised, this has been a very busy but productive time for the ship and our superb sailors. We are working closely with the shipyard to ensure our ship will be in tremendous shape when we pull away in April – because we intend to work hard this summer. Until then, we still have much to do.

As most of you know, March is the month for advancement exams. I don't mind telling you I was less than happy with the results from the last exam cycle – I truly felt that the promotion list was much too small and did not reflect the number of Pinckney sailors who deserved promotion. We are trying to fix that this spring and have launched a major effort to get your sailors ready to "ace" the test.

Besides professional training, we are also taking advantage of this in port time to focus on improving our Health Awareness and Physical Fitness. Our Tuesday and Thursday ship-wide PT sessions are the high point of my week! Finally, we have focused some effort on rais-

ing our awareness of the importance of Financial Planning.

To cap off this effort, we have set up a Financial Planning seminar in April. I have asked Mr. Ric Edelman, one of the nation's leading Financial Planners, to come and speak to us about the unique issues that concern Sailors as they plan for their futures. Issues Mr. Edelman will address include SGLI, Survivor Benefit Plans, Life Insurance, REDUX, what to do with an SRB, VA Loans, and the GI Bill. As we get closer to the seminar, make sure you pass any questions to your Pinckney sailor so that they can ask Ric.

Finally, I would like to say a fond farewell to one of the

finest sailors I have ever known. Our Command Master Chief, Kevin Blade, has given so much to this ship; he never rested until each crew-member was taken care of. Through so many challenges and many of his own initiatives he was the rock-solid protector and champion for our Sailors and their quality of life. I will miss his wisdom and humor every day. He will be our ship-mate forever.

Jim Malloy

Commander, U.S. Navy

Commanding Officer

USS PINCKNEY (DDG 91)





## From the Command Master Chief

Greetings PINCKNEY family and friends,

Hopefully everyone had a great holiday season and enjoyed spending time with family while on leave. I am happy to say that everyone came back from leave safely and we had no reported accidents during one of the most dangerous traveling seasons of the year.

As most of you know, this past month has been very challenging, as we have moved the ship into Southwest Marine shipyard for our Post Shakedown Availability (PSA) and have had to remove almost everything that is not welded to a bulkhead or deck off of the ship. For the next several months, the ship will be getting many repairs and upgrades that were documented deficiencies while we put PINCKNEY through many tests over the past 10 months.

Congratulations and Fair Winds & Following Seas to GMCS(SW) Jeff Owejan. Senior Chief Owejan is one of three Senior Chiefs Navy-wide to be selected into the Command Senior Chief program and will be assigned to the USS DEFENDER (MCM 2). Prior to his assignment to the DEFENDER he will attend the Senior Enlisted Academy and Command Master Chief course in Newport, RI. Senior Chief Owejan will be a huge loss to the Chief Petty Officers Mess and to PINCKNEY. You will be missed by all.

Congratulations to GSCS(SW) Charlie Moulliet for his selection into the

Senior Enlisted Academy.

He is one of 250 Senior and Master Chief Petty Officers that have been selected to attend the Senior Enlisted Academy in the next fiscal year.

On Saturday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> Michelle Kane hosted a PINCKNEY Family Support Group rummage sale and made approximately \$200 for the group's second fundraising event. Thanks to those families that donated items to the sale. A special thanks to Marina King and Dawn Watson for assisting Michelle with this event.

This is my last newsletter article as PINCKNEY's Command Master Chief. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as PINCKNEY's first Command Master Chief, and I will truly miss the PINCKNEY family as I move on and serve as the Command Master Chief at Naval Air Station, Sigonella, Italy.

I'd like to thank all of the Chief Petty Officers serving in PINCKNEY for being the Chiefs that they are. Without all of you, we as a ship would not have been able to get through all of the challenges and adversities that we have faced this past year. I will miss each and every one of you. Additionally, I'd like to thank Ann Marie Sands for being such an awesome Ombudsman. You set the standard for how an Ombudsman should support both the command and its family members.

Thanks to every PINCKNEY Sailor for such a great tour. Everyday while serving in PINCKNEY you have made me PROUD TO SERVE!

Take care and stay safe.

Kevin R. Blade,  
CMDCM(SW/AW)

Command Master Chief  
USS PINCKNEY (DDG 91)

*"PROUD TO SERVE!"*



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## Executive Department

We would like to extend a sincere congratulations to YN2 (SW/AW) Kristen Delarosa for being selected as Junior Sailor of the Year on-board USS PINCKNEY, and HM3(SW) Pless for being selected as the newest second class Petty Officer on-board the ship, what a great choice!

The Administration Division has been cutting numerous orders for personnel to at-

tend necessary schools, submitting Selected Re-enlistment Bonus certifications, and personnel completing transfers.

Medical has been scheduling medical and dental appointments. HMC (SW) Jones has also taken his personal time to train the crew on Health Promotions and wellness. Our very own 3MC, ETC (SW) Dietz has been busy inspecting

the barracks room inspections.

Lastly, we would like to wish our most valuable asset in our division Fair Winds and Following Seas. Command Master Chief Blade, we will all miss you and we wish you and your new bride the best in Italy and wherever you may go thereafter!



**Admin Personnel**

## Supply Department

Happy New Year from the USS Pinckney's Supply Department. We hope that everyone's holidays were full of joy and relaxation. Our shipmates were undoubtedly blessed to celebrate this season at home with their loved ones.

We want to offer a warm welcome to Pinckney's newest Supply Officer, LT. Richardson. Welcome aboard, and may your tour onboard Pinckney be a rewarding and successful experience. Here is a brief introduction from our new Supply Officer:

HELLO EVERYONE, I am LT Anthony Richardson, your new Supply Officer. I have just relieved LCDR Dessing and I am looking forward to serving the command in my new capacity as Supply Officer. I would like to thank LCDR Dessing for the hard work he has shown in bring-

ing Pinckney's Supply Department to life.

In closing I would like to say I trust my tenure to live up to its PINCKNEY name. I am looking forward to serving with everyone. "Proud To Serve"

LT. Richardson, SC, USN

### **DIVISION IN THE SPOTLIGHT**

S-4 Division, also known as the Pinckney Money Crew consists of LT Pete Harrington, Disbursing Officer; DK1(SW/AW) Ron Barbera; Deputy Disbursing Officer; DK2 Moncibais, Travel/ Military Pay Clerk and our newest addition, PC1(SW/AW) Amy Parsons, Postal Clerk. The Disbursing Office processes a monthly payroll average of 1 Million Dollars. The Travel Section has accurately

settled over 100 travel claims totaling over \$50,000. Disbursing also maintains an accurate rate of over 98% on all pay documents, which is one of the best in the Pacific Fleet. In addition, they have issued over 50 new Navy Cash Cards to new and existing crewmembers. PC1 Parsons brings her expertise to S-4 by providing the crew money orders, postal stamps, and ensuring that all mail is delivered accurately and on time.

Other accomplishments earned throughout the department, include Supply Department's only two Seamen. SKSN(SW) Baskerville and SHSN Herrera who have been awarded Pinckney's Blue Jacket of the Year and the Blue Jacket of the Quarter, respectively. Congratulations.



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## Engineering Department

Engineering has had a very busy quarter. The availability has allowed sailors to attend much needed schools to improve their knowledge. It has also been wonderful being home with our families. The most important topic onboard for PSA is safety. The safety of our crew is paramount.

Although we have been busy, Engineers have found plenty of extracurricular activities. GSCS(SW) Moulliet and others volunteered for Habitat for Humanity through the USO. Congratulations to GSM1(SW) Eakin on her top finish at the Carlsbad Marathon. She finished with a time of 3:19:50

which placed her 1st in her division, 8<sup>th</sup> in gender, and 84<sup>th</sup> overall.

Others in Engineering have accepted new responsibilities onboard. DCCS(SW) Mitchell has become the interim CMC. GSE3(SW) Doan was capped by our Commanding Officer. Congratulations GSE2(SW) Doan! GSM1(SW) Gibson has achieved one of the highest qualifications that can be achieved by any sailor, Officer of the Deck, underway. He was also awarded Sailor of the Year and the DESRON Sailor of the Year. He is now in the

running for Pacific Fleet Sailor of the Year.

Engineering also welcomes GSEFN Medina coming from USS Arctic. R division had to say goodbye to DC3(SW) Patton, who left on deployment onboard USS Antietam. EM3(SW) Maxile also departed and is headed to Texas for recruiter duty. Engineering wishes them and their families all the best.

**GSE2 (SW) Doan gets capped**



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## Combat Systems Department

The Combat Systems department has had a number of highlights recently. Biggest on that list is the successful completion of a major ship milestone. Combat System prides itself on the conquer of PINCKNEY'S first Cruise Missile Tactical Qualification. This qualification directly impacts the ability of the ship to protect the nation and is a large step toward become fully operational.

Lieutenant Andrew Thomson reported for duty this January as PINCKNEY's new Weapons Officer. Although new to PINCKNEY, LT Thomson is already receiving positive feed back from subordinates.

Although PINCKNEY said farewell to GMCS (SW) Jeffrey

Owejan on Friday February 11, his contributions to the ship during the pre-commissioning process were remembered by his shipmates. "He was part of the initial group of personnel that helped build the foundation for USS PINCKNEY and he will be sadly missed," said FCC (SW) James King.

January 21 at the CO's call, praises went out to FC1 (SW) Don Watson for his selection as DESRON 1 Sailor of the Quarter.

The ship transited from NAVSTA San Diego to Southwest Marine Shipyards January 18<sup>th</sup>, and the transition for the ship went smoothly. ENS Andrew Magana, the EMO, said the experience

allowed the crew to overcome a new type of difficulty.

"Everything has been a big change. It's been a challenge to get all the phone lines and internet connections set up on the barge," ENS Magana said, "but, this has been a positive experience for everyone."

The week of January 17, the CO initiated the qualification boards for CSOOW. This is an underway/inport watch station, and is an integral part of the combat systems suite. The CSOOW boards are scheduled to be conducted each week while PINCKNEY is in PSA.



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## Operations Department

Greetings from Operations Department! I am LT Erica Hoffmann and I relieved LT Dave Ryan as the Operations Officer at the beginning of November 2004. I am very happy to be here working with all the Operations Department sailors and I look forward to an exciting and challenging tour aboard PINCKNEY.

We had some time to take leave over the New Year, and then returned just in time to move the ship over to the South West Marine shipyard. Our Post Shakedown Availability (PSA) is going very well, but there certainly is a lot of industrial work going on onboard the ship.

The officer contingent of Operations Department consists of LT Brian "BJ" Carney, LTJG Bob Hanson, LTJG Ian Jones, LTJG Amy Jones, LTJG Jerry French, ENS Adam Wilson, ENS John Guernsey, and ENS Joe Corbett.

BJ, the Electronic Warfare Officer, works behind closed doors doing a lot of "top secret" work, most of which we don't even understand! But of course he does it very well.

If you see Bob, congratulate him and his wife Julieta on their new baby girl Valeria! After some much deserved baby leave, Bob is back as the Combat Systems Information Officer and will get us ready for post-PSA events.

Ian, the Navigator, has been off to Newport, Rhode Island for three weeks of school at the Surface Warfare Officer School (SWOS) in preparation for getting his Surface Warfare Officer qualification.

Jerry, the Information Services Officer (ISO), works in both Operations and Combat Systems Departments. He coordinates almost every major technical

evolution on the ship. We really value his knowledge and experience and couldn't do without him!

Amy, the former OI Division Officer, detached in early February. She has been a great officer and we will miss her, but wish her the best of luck as she continues her career in Charleston, SC at the Navy's Nuclear Power School.

Joe, the new OI Division Officer, joined us in January and has gotten off to a great start. He has been a part of Engineering Department and Supply Department since reporting aboard, and we are lucky to have him now. Welcome Joe!

Adam, the First Lieutenant and Deck Division Officer, just recently earned his Officer of the Deck (Underway) qualification, which is a major accomplishment for every junior officer. He joins Ian up in Newport for three weeks at SWOS.

John, the Communications Officer, kept us in contact with the outside world as we moved from Naval Base San Diego to the South West Marine shipyard. We had to move every piece of equipment off the ship and onto a berthing barge due to all the work on the ship. It was a huge project. Good job, Joe!

To continue, our focus this month is on IS Division. With the new ship's structure reorganization, IS Division has joined the Operations Department. The Division of Information System's Technicians (IT's) includes: LTJG Jerry French, ENS John R. Guernsey, ITC(SW/AW) Thomas, IT1(SW) Loerts, IT1(SW) Kimmick, IT2(SW/AW) Stroman, IT2(SW) Gonzales, IT2 Fontana, IT2(SW) Dally, IT2(SW) Beane, IT2(SW) Johnson, IT2 Tegeler, IT2 Li-

mon, ITSN(SW) Reyes, and ITSR Prem.

First of all, we'd like to welcome aboard our newest member of IS Division, ITSR Jason Prem, hailing from Mineral Ridge, Ohio. He has reported to the USS Pinckney from IT "A" School at Naval Training Center Great Lakes. He has been in since June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2005, and is quickly adapting to the high tempo of Pinckney's schedule. Welcome aboard ITSR Prem!

The past few months have been busy and eventful for the IT's as the ship prepared for Post Shakedown Availability (PSA) and a much awaited yard period. As always, the IT's have been busy with various evolutions. Preparations for PSA included the strenuous removal of over 9 large communications antennas and transferring the entire computer network from the ship to the barge, all of which was accomplished within a two week period. Every IT was involved in both events making the jobs smooth and seamless. The IT's are known for their dedication to duty and standards of work.

Despite the long and hard working hours, we are proud to announce three more of our IT's earning their Enlisted Surface Warfare Qualification pins. IT2(SW) Dally, IT2(SW) Johnson, and ITSA(SW) Reyes all studied and put in extra working hours to achieve their pins. Congratulations to the three of them!

In other news, IT2(SW/AW) Stroman made a commitment to the Navy for an additional 6 years as she re-enlists on February 18<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations once again to all on their accomplishments!



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## From the Ombudsman

Greetings PINCKNEY family and friends,

I would like to wish a FAREWELL to Command Master Chief Blade. Thank you for all your time and support that you have provided me with over the past year. I have been extremely fortunate to have an outstanding working relationship with you. I know that has brought us much success. Thank you again and good luck at you next Command.

### FIVE TIPS TO FINANCIAL SUCCESS FROM YOUR FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION!

This year, take these immediate steps to improve your finances all year long! Many people welcome in the New Year with a burst of new-found energy to do things differently. A lot of this gets focused on personal finances. Resolutions are aplenty, however they often come with what some folks would call the "but firsts." You want to save some money, "but first" pay off credit cards. The "but firsts" become dis-incentives to change anything at all.

Here are five resolution solutions for 2005. There are no "but firsts." All may be activated and energized the moment they are read. All are simple, proven and effective ways to do things differently with personal finances. They are called resolution solutions because they will help those who use them keep more of their income or the money they make and do more with what they keep.

1) Resolve to become a comparison spender. There are

two forms of overspending. There is the borrow and spend crowd, however they come in second to the biggest group of over-spenders in America, because an estimated 60-65 percent of all consumers pay too much for things. Comparison spending will put a quick stop to that financially detrimental practice.

Example: A popular gift item for Christmas 2004 was the hand-held kitchen appliances called

"Gizmos" from Black and Decker. When first advertised, they were at retail \$29.95. Within a week they were being advertised in a major drug store chain flyer for \$24.95. The best buy, however was for \$19.88 at two other discount retailers. Comparison spending on this item saves \$10.

2) Resolve to become a regular saver. "When it comes to saving money, most people will simply stop at nothing." In other words they never seem to get started. That's the way it often is for other New Year resolutions too. A regular saver is one who saves a portion of all income received. Becoming a regular saver is quick, simple, something most people can and should do everyday. Start right now by taking a dollar bill and all of your pocket change and set it aside. Do this every day, even on the weekends. It will average \$50 a month. An extra incentive to save a little more is to take all the folding money with your initials on the serial number, and save those \$1, \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50 and \$100 bills.

3) Resolve to extend the value

of your income. Get more bang for your bucks no matter if they are invested, being spent on entertainment or real estate or yourself. Part of becoming a regular saver is looking for ways to save money in every part of your life.

Example: 30 cents of every take-home dollar is spent on household and grocery items. The best and most immediate way to extend the value of household and grocery spending dollar is to employ the use of coupons, rebates and special sales. Now many folks will belly-ache they don't have time to clip coupons. Time is money so, if it takes 15 minutes to clip coupons out of the Sunday paper and grocery flyers in the mailbox and you save ten percent or \$10 on a hundred dollar tab, that is equal to \$40 per hour.

4) Resolve to increase your net worth. Increasing net worth is done by accumulating money and other assets (as opposed to piling up the debts). Also, by having assets grow and appreciate in value and paying down indebtedness. Consumers are building up or tearing down their net worth with every financial decision and things they do. So for 2005, keep building your net worth up and stay off the deconstruction crew.

5) Resolve to get your free credit files. One of the best gifts to consumers in 2004 from Congress was the ability to get free credit reports annually from the three major credit reporting agencies. By September 2005 all US residents will be eligible.



### Waters We've Traveled:

Gulf of Mexico

Atlantic Ocean

Caribbean Sea

Panama Canal

Pacific Ocean



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### **In the Spotlight: Chaplains Religious Enrichment Development Operation (CREDO)**

The Chief of Naval Operations led by Navy Chief of Chaplains sponsors the Chaplains Religious Enrichment Development Operation (CREDO). The vision is to awaken Sea Service Personnel and their family members to the inherent personal and social strength available by living healthy spiritual lives. We accomplish our mission through the Personal and Spiritual Growth Training, Marriage Enrichment Training, Team Build Workshops, and other functions and training throughout CREDO Retreats offered Free of charge:

**Personal Growth Retreats-**These retreats are offered at Camp Wynola in Julian, CA. They offer opportunities for individuals to understand themselves better, develop new perspectives on their personal relationships with families, friends, shipmates, the service, and the broader world. Many participants have described

this weekend experience as a "turning point" in their lives.

**Marriage Enrichment Retreats-**Marriage Enrichment Retreats help couples discover ways to keep their marriages growing, and how to handle inevitable conflicts. Participants become closer as couples by strengthening emotional, physical, and spiritual aspects of their marriage.

Upcoming CREDO Retreats:

**Personal Growth:** March 10-12 & April 28-30

**Marriage Enrichment:** February 25-27 at Oxnard, Mandalay Beach Resort & April 8-10 at Alpine, Country Inn. Retreats accommodations are free! They fill up fast so register today! Get in touch with CREDO by calling (619) 532-1437 or visit [CREDO Southwest](#)

**PINCKNEY Family Support Group:** The January 22<sup>nd</sup> FSG Garage Sale was successful. They made just shy of \$200. Michelle Kane would like to extend an extra special thank you to Marina King and Dawn Watson for volunteering their time and items to the sale. She'd also like to thank the French, Wagner, Malloy, and the Aitchison families for their donated items. Their generosity and support was key in the success of this event. FSG now has an operating budget to plan an Easter

**Party for the Pinckney kids! Be on the lookout for a February FSG meeting. If you are interested in being part of the FSG, please email [Michelle Kane](#).**

### **Dates to Remember:**

**March 16<sup>th</sup>:** Fleet & Family Support Center Job Fair, 10 am, Scottish Rite Center, Mission Valley, For more details call 619-556-9866

As always I am available 24 hours a day for **emergencies** at **619-571-8503**. For routine calls leave a message on the **Caroline** at **800-913-3491** and I will get back to you within 24 hours. You can also contact me via **email** at [USS PINCKNEY Ombudsman](#).

Standing by, Ready to Serve,

Ann Marie Sands.





**QMC Pappas receives the first SWM AWARD**



**PINCKNEY Sailors become Rioters for Training**



**PINCKNEY getting "High and Dry"**



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